

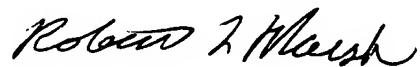
Remarks

The forgoing amendment has been made after a careful review of the present application and in view of the Election/Restriction requirement issued by the examiner on May 17, 2004. In the Restriction Requirement, the examiner divided the drawings of the application into six distinct groups, with Figs. 3 – 5 in Group 1, Fig. 6 in Group 2, Fig. 7 in Group 3, Fig. 8 – 10 in Group 4, Fig. 11 – 13 in Group 5, and Fig. 11 and 14 in Group 6. The applicant elects to prosecute the claims directed to Group 4 as shown in Figs. 8 – 10.

With respect to the claims, the applicant asserts that claims 1 through 4 and 8 through 10 are directed to the embodiment shown in Group 4 as shown in Figs. 8 – 10.

In the forgoing amendment, the applicant has modified the claims so that they are directed to signs in general and not just to channel letters. As explained in the specification, on page 1 lines 7 through 10, channel letters are signs for buildings and shopping malls and the like, where it is desirable that the signs comprise illuminated letters. The structure set forth in the claims can be incorporated into any sign, regardless of whether or not the outer walls of the sign are configured as a letter or as a simple rectangle as are most signs. Accordingly, the applicant has made amendments to the title and the claims of the application as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,



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